GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:457
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2003
NSCN (IM) PEACE TALKS
K. ASUNGBA SANGTAM

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of the first round of Peace talks between the Government of India and the leaders of NSCN (IM);

(b) whether the NSCN(IM) leaders have agreed to drop the demand for sovereignty and have agreed to negotiate within the frame-work of the Indian Constitution;

(c) if so, the facts thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that NSCN(IM) are still persisting with their demand for the Greater Nagaland;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(f) the time schedule worked out, if any, for further Peace-talks to permanently resolve this issue; and

(g) the likely agenda in this connection?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.457 for 22.04.2003 by Shri K.A. Sangtam, MP regarding NSCN(IM Peace Talks

(a)to(g): Peace Talks were held during the month of January, 2003 between the representatives of the Government of India and the NSCN(IM). During the discussions, NSCN(IM) raised among other issues, their demands relating to the distinct identity of the Nagas and their stand on unification of Naga areas. There was an agreement to continue the formal talks until a lasting settlement is reached. Government of India has, from time to time, reiterated its stand that the territorial integrity of other North Eastern States will not be disturbed, No time frame has been fixed for the next round of talks.